GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1871
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DECLINE IN FLOW OF WATER IN CAUVERY RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flow of water in Cauvery river in Tamil Nadu has declined considerably over the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details regarding the total water flow during the said period;

(c) whether existing water sources and tributaries of Cauvery are silted and needs to be desilted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total amount allocated, disbursed and utilized by the State Government for the purpose during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) : The average inflow into the Mettur Reservoir of Tamil Nadu on Cauvery river during the Water Years 1980- 81to 1989-90 is 229.16 Thousand Million CubicFeet(TMC Ft.) Compared to this, the average inflow during the Water Years 1992-93 to 2001-2002 in Mettur Reservoir of Tamil Nadu is 261.9 TMC.

(c) to (e): Like other rivers the Cauvery also getssilt deposits. In Cauvery deltasilt gets deposited especially during floods in rivers, drains and channels. The expenditure incurred during the last three years for desilting in the Cauvery delta by the State Governmentof Tamil Nadu is given below:-

Year	Amount of expenditure (Rs. In lakh)
1999-2000	924.42
2000-01	264.07
2001-02	60.60